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POLICY

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, DCI SECURITY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Minority Position on Draft Revision of DCID 1/14

On 23 February 1983, the DCI Security Committee approved the draft DCID 1/14 by a vote of 7 to 6 with all Department of Defense (DoD) members supporting the position of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) that a 10 year period of coverage be substituted for the requirement that an investigation for access to Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) continue to cover the most recent 15 years of a person's life. Within the DoD, experience and studies, which have been made available to you, have disclosed that little, if any, significant information impacting on a person's eligibility for SCI access is developed beyond ten years of investigative coverage.

Consequently, the DoD has approved a program which will begin on 1 April 1983, with implementation of a periodic reinvestigation which significantly exceeds the current DCID 1/14 in scope. Previously, a program of security supervision within each Defense Component was mandated and implementation has begun. Beginning on 1 January 1984, it is planned that the DoD will implement a single scope background investigation in accordance with DCID 1/14 standards for all persons with access to SCI and Top Secret information. This is a requirement that has been long advocated for the DoD by the Intelligence Community. Further, it should be noted that while reducing the scope of coverage from 15 to 10 years, the DoD will add a Subject interview to the coverage in every investigation. The Subject interview has been established as a technique of much greater value than merely five more years of background coverage. Another consideration is that resources saved by the Defense Investigative Service as a result of the reduction in scope, will be applied to the expanded coverage of the periodic reinvestigation and the Subject interview. The DIS conducts 50,000 such investigations each year so the savings will be significant. In addition, as you know, there is pending a revision to policy concerning the use of the polygraph in the DoD and if the pending revisions receive approval, the personnel security program will be supplemented by polygraph use to some extent.

While the OSD supports the implementation of the revised DCID 1/14, it is requested that our recommendation concerning the scope modification be forwarded for further consideration on the basis that the DoD has developed a much improved personnel security program which exceeds the minimum requirements of both the current and the revised DCID 1/14. In the absence of further favorable consideration of the OSD recommendation, it is requested that consideration be given to adding the following footnote to DCID 1/14:

"The appropriate authority in Departments and Agencies subject to this directive may substitute investigative procedures of equal or greater value to those prescribed in exceptional circumstances for a limited period of time."

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